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TOPIC Military Information from Dessau-Rosslau

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6 August 1951

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1. On 26 June 1951, groups of tank soldiers from the barracks installation at Rosslau-Heinsdorf (M 52/E 17) were seen going to the Rosslau railroad station. A total of about 200 tank troopers were observed departing toward Magdeburg aboard a regular train. [REDACTED] the tank unit from the barracks installation was still at Letzling Heath and would not return for about 3 weeks. [REDACTED] the division headquarters was located in two houses of the forestry office at Planken. \*

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2. On 1 July, a large camp was being established in an area measuring about 1,000 x 400 meters at the former engineer training site southeast of Rosslau. The center of the camp was situated at the Elbe River km mark 2.56. The camp contained a large number of British-type circular tents, several low wooden barracks, a repair shop, a smithy and a bakery. The camp quartered from 400 to 500 troops, who seemed to attend courses of engineer training. Although most of the troops wore black-bordered red epauletts, several small groups of engineer officers were observed to arrive. [REDACTED]

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The troops in the camp started training on 13 July. They constructed bridge sections at the training site and towed them on the river as far as Brambach, west of Dessau. [REDACTED]

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Ferries [REDACTED] were seen returning from Brambach on 22 July. \*\*

3. The Zerbst-Magdeburg road was blocked between Gommern (M 53/D 79) and Wahlitz, 5 km northwest of Gommern, allegedly because of road work. However, [REDACTED] several solid buildings were being erected on the blocked road section on orders of the Soviet Army. The building sites were guarded by soldiers.

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4. Soviet women and girls were seen arriving at the Rosslau railroad station at an increasing rate. They were apparently to replace German personnel.

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6. The hutment at Gross Kuehnau near Dessau-Rosslau was occupied by troops on 13 July. Two officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and [redacted]

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7. A unit of about 80 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets left the Rosslau-Weinsdorf barracks installation in the afternoon of 17 July. [redacted] it marched to Kuehnau. At about the same time, a convoy of 11 trucks, carrying about 160 troops with red-bordered black epaulets and towing 6 x 120-mm mortars, passed through Dessau and proceeded toward Aken.

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Comment. Components of the 7th Gds Tank Div were last identified at Letzling Heath [redacted] on 6 July 1951. [redacted] The statement in the present report regarding the location of the division headquarters again indicates that most of the division is located in the Born area in the southern portion of Letzling Heath.

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Comment. A previous report [redacted] indicated that engineer training courses were started at Rosslau. [redacted] According to a sketch [redacted] the bridging equipment assembled at the engineer training site was apparently part of the 16 to 100-ton model TNP pontoon park and seemed to have been used during the engineer exercises at Aken.

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Comment. The troop movements and the troops in the hutment at Gross Kuehnau were apparently connected with the second engineer exercises at Aken. The mortar unit which, according to paragraph 7 of the present report, drove toward Aken on 17 July was a component of the 7th Gds Tank Div.

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